



## **H. Res. 542 – Expressing the unconditional support of the House of Representatives for the members of the National Guard**

### **Floor Situation**

H.Res. 542 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Ginny Brown-Waite (R-FL) on July 12, 2007. It was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, but was not considered.

H.Res. 542 is expected to be considered on the floor on December 17, 2007.

### **Summary**

H.Res. 542 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Unconditionally supports the members of the National Guard;
- Recognizes the tremendous sacrifices made by members of the National Guard on behalf of the United States;
- Will do everything in its power to ensure that the National Guard receives the resources it needs; and
- Will support the families of members of the National Guard who have died while serving on active duty.

### **Background**

The National Guard is a reserve component of the United States Army (Army National Guard) and Air Force (Air National Guard). National Guard units can be mobilized by Presidential order to supplement the regular Armed Forces and by the governor of a state when a state of emergency has been declared.

Between September 11, 2001, and September 30, 2007, 252,446 members of the National Guard have deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan.

The National Guard's 371<sup>st</sup> Birthday was December 13, 2007.

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